Claims

[c1] 1.A method of labeling orthogonal images, the method comprising:

identifying a primary image taken in a first plane;

identifying a plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane;

associating a label to a point in the primary image;

calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c2] The method of claim 1, wherein the calculating is performed using the equation:

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x_0, y_0) is the point.

[c3] 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal tothe first plane;

calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images; and associating the label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c4] 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising: associating the label to a second point in the primary image; calculating a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images

having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the second point.

[c5] 5.A method of labeling orthogonal images, the method comprising: identifying a primary image taken in a first plane;

identifying a plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane;

associating a first label to a point in the primary image;

calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating a second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c6] 6.The method of claim 5, wherein the calculating is performed using the equation:

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x_0, y_0) is the point.

[c7] 7.The method of claim 5, further comprising:

identifying a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane;

calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images; and associating the second label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

- [c8] 8. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 associating the first label to a second point in the primary image;
 calculating a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between
 the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and
 associating the second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary
 images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the
 second point.
- [c9] 9.The method of claim 5, further comprising:

 copying text associated with the first label to the second label.
- [c10] 10.The method of claim 5, further comprising:

deleting the second label upon deletion of the first label.

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[c11] 11.A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer program code for labeling orthogonal images, the storage medium including instructions for causing a computer to implement a method comprising:

identifying a primary image taken in a first plane;

identifying a plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane;

associating a label to a point in the primary image;

calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c12] 12.The storage medium of claim 11, wherein the calculating is performed using the equation:

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x $_0$, y $_0$) is the point.

- [c13] 13. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein the method further comprises: identifying a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane; calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images; and associating the label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.
- [c14] 14. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:
 associating the label to a second point in the primary image;
 calculating a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between
 the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and
 associating the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images
 having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the second point.

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[c15] 15.A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer program code for labeling orthogonal images, the storage medium including instructions for causing a computer to implement a method comprising: identifying a primary image taken in a first plane; identifying a plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the

identifying a plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane;

associating a first label to a point in the primary image; calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating a second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c16] 16.The storage medium of claim 15, wherein the calculating is performed using the equation:

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x_0, y_0) is the point.

[c17] 17. The storage medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises: identifying a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane; calculating a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the

primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images; and associating the second label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c18] 18. The storage medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises: associating the first label to a second point in the primary image; calculating a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associating the second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the second point.

- [c19] 19.The storage medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises: copying text associated with the first label to the second label.
- [c20] 20.The storage medium of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises: deleting the second label upon deletion of the first label.
- [c21] 21.A system for acquiring images of a target body, the system comprising: an imaging device configured to provide a primary image and a plurality of secondary images of the target body, the primary image being taken at a first plane through the target body and the secondary images being taken at second planes through the target body; a computer configured to receive the primary and secondary images from the imaging device, the computer further configured to: associate a label to a point in the primary image; calculate a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associate the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.
- [c22] 22.The system of claim 21, wherein the computer calculates the distance using the equation:

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x_0, y_0) is the point.

- [c23] 23.The system of claim 21, wherein the imaging device is further configured to provide a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane; and wherein the computer is further configured to: calculate a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images, and associate the label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.
- [c24] 24.The method of claim 21, wherein the computer is further configured to:

associate the label to a second point in the primary image; calculate a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associate the label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the second point.

- [c25] 25.A system for acquiring images of a target body, the system comprising: an imaging device configured to provide a primary image and a plurality of secondary images of the target body, the primary image being taken at a first plane through the target body and the secondary images being taken at second planes through the target body; a computer configured to receive the primary and secondary images from the imaging device, the computer further configured to: associate a first label to a point in the primary image; calculate a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and associate a second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary
- [c26] 26.The system of claim 25, wherein the computer calculates the distance using the equation:

images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

$$\frac{ax_0 + by_0 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

where ax $_0$ +by $_0$ +c is the line of intersection, and (x_0, y_0) is the point.

[c27] 27.The system of claim 25, wherein the computer is further configured to: identify a second plurality of secondary images taken in planes orthogonal to the first plane; calculate a distance from the point to a line of intersection between the primary image and each secondary image in the second plurality of images; and associate the second label to a secondary image in the second plurality of secondary images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the point.

[c28] 28.The system of claim 25, wherein the computer is further configured to:
associate the first label to a second point in the primary image;
calculate a distance from the second point to a line of intersection between the
primary image and each secondary image in the plurality of images; and
associate the second label to a secondary image in the plurality of secondary
images having a line of intersection with the primary image closest to the

second point.